

Preservation of Library Materials

The recent combination of stormy weather and leaking roofs has left many librarians across the Commonwealth concerned about damage to library materials. The following are some tips from the State Library and Archives of Florida. Additional information can be found at: <http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/disasterrecovery/> or by contacting Melissa Shields at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

Mold and mildew can have an adverse effect on people. Those with allergies, asthma or other respiratory problems should stay away from infested areas, as many fungi will seriously irritate and inflame lungs.

When working with moldy collections, wear disposable rubber or plastic gloves, a lab coat and a respirator whenever handling moldy materials. Wash protective clothing in hot water and bleach.

Separate moldy items from those not affected either by moving them to a well ventilated location, or using tarps to provide walls. Set up fans to increase air circulation and adjust dehumidifiers or readjust the HVAC system to lower the relative humidity. If possible, vent to the outside.

In case of large outbreaks of mold; freeze the collections. Placing the moldy items in an atmosphere of below freezing will halt growth but will not kill spores. Collections can then be thawed, dried and cleaned.

Mold cannot be removed from wet or damp collections. Items must be completely dry before any attempt at removing mold. Clean items once the mold has been inactivated. After completion, clean the storage area. Begin by vacuuming followed by cleaning shelves, floors, walls, ceilings and windows with a mold and mildew killing solution, such as Lysol, Clorox or X-14. Ducts and air conditioning systems will also need to be assessed for the presence of mold, and may need replacing.

For More Information

Here are some web sites and phone numbers for more information on Disaster Recovery:

- Southeastern Library Network (800) 999-8558
http://www.solinet.net/preservation/preservation_templ.cfm?doc_id=115
- Solinet - Mold leaflet
http://www.solinet.net/preservation/leaflets/leaflets_templ.cfm?doc_id=122
- Disaster Mitigation and Recovery
http://www.solinet.net/preservation/preservation_templ.cfm?doc_id=71
- Disaster Recovery Services and Supplies
http://www.solinet.net/preservation/DisRec_vendors.cfm

Cast Your Vote for the Freedom to Read

With the recent political conventions and daily election news coverage, democracy is on the minds of most Americans this fall. Regardless of your political affiliation, it's an exciting time to learn more about the issues facing this country, to gather information on the candidates and their positions and to finally cast a ballot for the people we believe will best represent our ideals and interests.

Democracies need libraries. An informed public constitutes the very foundation of a democracy; after all, democracies are about discourse—discourse among the people. Libraries are for everyone, everywhere. They provide safe spaces for public dialogue and disseminate information so the public can participate in the processes of governance. They stand for the right to read freely so we can explore ideas, dream big and, ultimately, govern ourselves.

And yet, we cannot take this freedom to read for granted. While it's been decades since the United States Constitution was banned in Oklahoma City in 1940 and Karl Marx's "Capital" was banned at a Florida public library and challenged at Boston Public Library in the early 1950s, hundreds of books each year are still threatened in schools and libraries nationwide. John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" was the third most challenged book last year, and Phyllis Reynolds Naylor's Alice series topped the list.

That's why the American Library Association and other organizations urged us to "Elect to Read a Banned Book" and "Ban No More in 2004" during the 23rd annual Banned Books Week, Sept. 25 to Oct. 2.

Each year, the ALA receives hundreds of reports on books and other materials that have been "challenged" by people — many of them parents, it turns out, acting on behalf of their children, or on behalf of children in general. Parents are exercising their Constitutional right to voice their opinion that, for example, the Harry Potter books promote witchcraft, or that racism is rife in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. And parents are exercising parental responsibility when they guide their own children's reading.

Kentucky Archives Week

Archives Week was observed October 10-16, 2004. It is an annual celebration of the importance of archives and historical records and of the work of institutions which preserve these unique resources. These facilities and their collections are quite varied, but together, they hold a rich documentary legacy which shapes our understanding of the state's past and our assessment of its future.

Archives, archivists, public librarians and others who care for these collections participated in this celebration. This annual event is an opportunity to direct public attention to all archival programs in the state at once, during a designated time. Kentucky's Archives Week gives all participants a wonderful opportunity to meet new users, build institutional support, showcase holdings, and explain why archives are important.

For more information, visit: <http://archivesweek.ky.gov>.

Grant Announcement for MLS Tuition Costs

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives has announced grant opportunities for full-time staff enrolled in American Library Association (ALA) accredited graduate library science programs. The grants are available for public libraries through Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds and each grant will cover the tuition cost for one successfully completed master's level library science course during the October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005 federal fiscal year. Guidelines and the preliminary application are available at <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/information/grants.htm>.

Kentucky Library Association Awards

The Kentucky Library Association announced the recipients of their 2004 William Natcher and Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Awards Luncheon on September 16th.

The William H. Natcher Award has been given annually to an individual, organization, or corporation that has made a significant philanthropic contribution to a Kentucky library. The first recipient of the award was Congressman William H. Natcher in 1994. The 2004 recipient was Carleton L. West for his contributions to public and school libraries through his work as Chairman of the Kentucky Book Fair.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Geneva Pullen who recently retired as Deputy Director of the Lexington Public Library. Mrs. Pullen was recognized as Kentucky librarian who has contributed significantly to our profession through her participation in professional library organizations including Kentucky Library Association, Southeastern Library Association and the American Library Association.



*Photos:
Top - Carl
West, Judith
Gibbons and
Jim Nelson;
Bottom -
Geneva and
Carl Pullen*

Retirement Announcement

Martha Jane Proctor retired from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives on July 30, 2004. Her career of library service spanned more than 30 years in four states and Canada. She came to KDLA in 1998 as Kentucky River Regional Librarian and served in that position until her recent retirement.

‘Cross the Commonwealth

The **Pulaski County Public Library** Board of Directors recently completed a successful petition drive to increase their tax rate from 3.1 to 6.1 cents per \$100 evaluation. The law required 8,246 signatures. The library obtained 12,345 signatures and 9,693 were certified by the County Court Clerk. The petition was accepted by the Fiscal Court with no dissenting votes and collection will begin this fall. These additional funds will be used to build a central library replacing the current building which has served the library well for the past 30 years.

The **Lewis County Public Library** in Vanceburg celebrated its 50th year of library service in September. The library started with a bookmobile which held 800 books. The 1954 bookmobile was donated to the county by the Ladies Garment Union in Louisville.

During the week of November 8th, 2004, the **Paris-Bourbon County Public Library** will celebrate a century of service with a variety of events and speakers. The centennial celebration will include a discussion of “Paris in 1904” with H.E. Everman, author of two books about the history of Bourbon County, on Monday, November 8th, at 7:00 p.m. The following week of festive activities will be capped with an open house and reception on Friday, November 12th. Check with the library for details of the celebration by calling (859) 987-4419 or visiting the web site at www.bourbonlibrary.org.

The **Bracken County Public Library** held a grand opening for the Richard A. Hause Children’s Wing on September 19, 2004.

The **Russell County Public Library** held a September Project Day on September 11, 2004 to discuss ideas about democracy, citizenship and patriotism. Participants in a roundtable discussion panel were State Senator Vernie McGaha, State Representative Jeffery Hoover, County Judge/Executive Ron McFall, County Attorney Howard Kent Cooper, Deputy Sheriff Ron Ooten and Rita Johnson of the Russell County Historical Society. A patriotic book and picture display was prepared by the library staff to encourage reflection on our nation’s legacy of freedom.

Logan County Public Library held a September 11th memorial with Judge Bill Cunningham speaking about democracy, patriotism, and citizenship in the post-9/11 world.

Wanda Gower, LCPL cataloguer celebrated her 30th anniversary at the library on September 7th, 2004. The library hosted an open house for her on September 12th.

An anonymous donor made a substantial gift to the **Kenton County Public Library** to assist with the construction of the new Independence Branch.

A sculpture by Matt Langford entitled “Young Lincoln” was unveiled on October 2, 2004 at the Mary Ann Mongan Library in Covington. It was donated by Oakley and Eva G. Farris.

On Aug. 17, 2004, the **Campbell County Public Library** Board of Trustees dedicated the meeting room at the Cold Spring Branch in honor of Jean Nagel Lillie.

A life-long Campbell County resident, Mrs. Lillie served the Library in various capacities including library clerk, branch librarian, coordinator of technical services, assistant director and associate director.

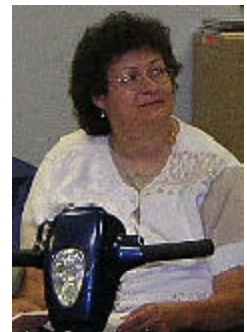


Photo: Jean Nagel Lillie

Caldwell County's **George Coon Public Library** has received a \$200,000.00 donation from a local resident. The donation will be used to renovate an adjacent building to be their new Genealogy Library.

The **John L. Street Public Library** of Trigg County held an open house on Sunday, September 19th, to celebrate their 50th anniversary of library service.

Jackson County Public Library Board of Trustees began a petition drive to increase tax base by 2.5 cents per \$100 evaluation for their district. The increased funding will help with the completion of a new building, operating expenses for a Youth Services Librarian, a Community Room, A larger parking area for customers, more materials in every format, programming for adults and children, and additional student resources for this small county currently served with a store front library. They will need to collect 1900 signatures to obtain a 51% majority of registered voter signatures in this county.

The **McCracken County Public Library** held an open house on Saturday, October 2nd, 2004 to celebrate their 100 years of library services.

Kentucky Talking Book Library Celebration

The Kentucky Talking Book Library (KTBL), part of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), serves those Kentuckians who are unable to read traditional printed materials because of visual or physical disabilities. KTBL celebrates its 35th anniversary of service this fall, and marked the occasion with a public reception on September 14.

"It's rare for Kentucky state government to have a program that appeals to Kentuckians age 2 to 106. This extraordinary broad base support guarantees that 35 years from now Kentuckians will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of this most worthwhile program. I salute KDLA and its hundreds of volunteers for its success," said Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia G. Fox.



Photo: State Librarian Jim Nelson and Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia Fox

"For those of us who browse the catalog and stacks of our local library, or the bustling isles of our local bookstore, it's difficult to understand a world where that is not possible," says State Librarian Jim Nelson, "but for those who have lost their vision, this is a daily reality. Our staff not only helps our Talking Book patrons find reading materials to meet their interests, but they coordinate our amazing volunteers who record for them, as well as making sure these materials get to them in a timely manner. This is a wonderful service that doesn't often get the recognition it deserves."

Beginning Network Administrator Boot Camp

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives will sponsor three boot camps for beginning network administrators in 2004-2005. This is an intensive week of learning to be an effective Windows Network Administrator. Topics include hardware basics, network topography, security, wiring, system security, standards, TCP/IP, emerging technologies and more. This is a hands on workshop with only 15 networked computers available for class use. Enrollment is limited to the first 15 registrants at each site, with a limit of 1 person from each library or system.

While similar commercially available training can cost over \$1,000.00, there is no fee for this workshop. Lodging, travel and meals are the responsibility of the library.

Registration deadline is October 20, 2004. Register online at: <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm> or contact Terry Manuel at 502-564-8300, ext 269 for more information.

Bridge the Generation Gap with New Mini BiFolkal Kits from KDLA

The State Library's mini-BiFolkal kits are a collection of images and activities to stimulate the senses of older adults, to unlock memories, and to invite them to share stories. Each kit recreates the sensory impressions of a time or topic in history.

You'll find a media presentation and a leader's guide stuffed with program ideas and discussion topics. Programs built around a BiFolkal remembering kit are excellent choices for senior centers, historical society meetings, nursing homes, and anniversary celebrations—anywhere that the experienced and the curious get together to bring back old memories . . . and to create new ones.

Search the KDLA Catalog today at <http://kdla.kyvl.org>. The red mini-kit canvas bag is smaller than the full-size blue and yellow kit bag, but it still holds a lot of programming inside!

Cataloging Tips

"How many catalogers does it take to change a light bulb? Don't know, but they are still looking through the rule books and discussing it."

It is always good to be able to laugh at ones profession! True, catalogers are picky about periods, commas, dashes, subject headings and forms of names – but all for a good cause! The more consistent catalogers are, the better our patrons can find the information they are searching for.

In our branch we are always discussing forms of publisher's names, and all of those dates in paperback books! I would really like to hear the kinds of questions that you encounter in cataloging your collection. Please let Myra Prewitt in Cataloging know (*1-800-928-7000 ext. 227 or myra.prewitt@ky.gov*) – we are always glad to help with any questions you might have!

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